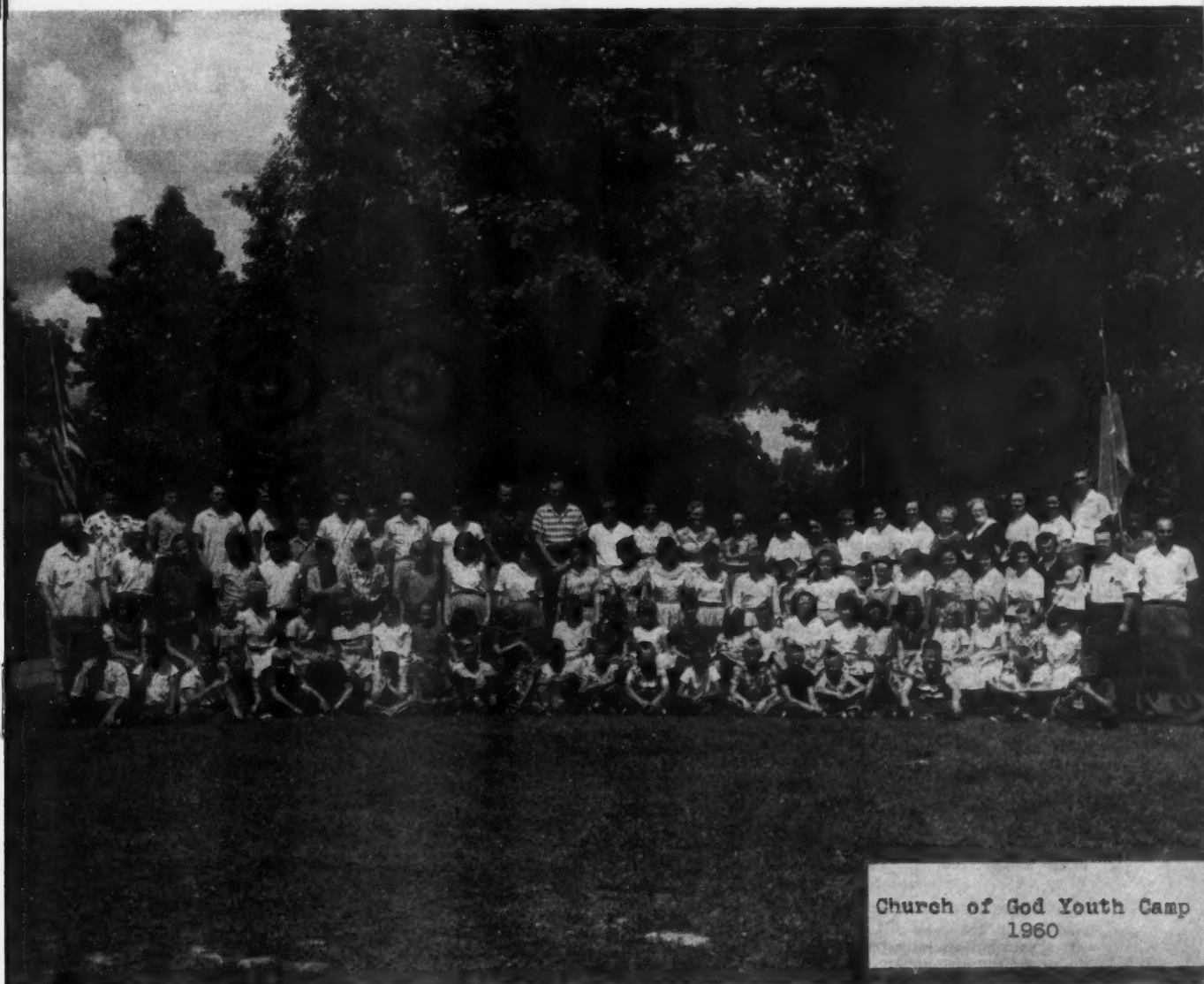


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Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?



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Readers' Response

Your editorial, "Diet of Bitterness," was superb. Please add that many conscientious, sincere, earnest Church of God families blame their pastor for not saving their children that they destroyed with their criticisms of a former or present pastor, or of their fellow members.

—A. B. DIXON

Madisonville, Tenn.

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I have just been reading the September 19, 1960, issue of the Church of God Evangel. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for this publication. It will be a blessing in the lives of every one who will read its messages with an open heart.

—J. E. BELL

Somerset, Pa.

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Your editorial "Are We Neurotic After All?" in the October 17 issue did something for me. Having belonged to another church for 2 years, I am now a member of the Church of God. About 2 months ago our entire church voted to join the Church of God. I am 19 years old and I realize that it is often hard for young people to distinguish between right and wrong without going to extremes one way or the other. Reading this article has helped me to see more fully what is expected of Church of God young people.

My opinion is that too many of our people lean more to the side of worldliness than to the other. I must also say that I am glad for the beginning of a revival of holiness in our church. I cast my vote with the Church of God youth who want more complete holiness.

May God bless you in your work for our Saviour.

—RUBY BALLARD

Powell Station, Tenn.

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It is with much pleasure that I commend you for the sincere editorial on "Are We Neurotic After All?" I doubt that I have ever failed to read one of your editorials, but to me this is one of the most needed and timely of all.

May God continue to use you will be our prayer.

—C. W. COLLINS

Pastor, Norfolk, Va.

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IN TIMES LIKE THESE

HORACE GREELEY once said, "The illusion that times that were are better than times that are has probably pervaded through all ages."

This points up the fact that it is universal to deplore present times and yearn for the past. The more momentous and uncertain our day becomes, the more we are prone to yearn for the security and simplicity of the past.

We are living in times filled with moment, exciting with change, and dreadful in destructive potential. No one can read today's newspapers without being appalled by the condition of our world with its ominous political situation, its shattered moral standards and its spiritual destitution. Reading today's newspapers can be a very depressing activity.

The Bible calls them perilous times.

Yet you and I were born in this time.

In the early days of my ministry, my wife and I frequently studied and discussed various periods of the past, contemplating in what past age we would have most enjoyed living. From our vantage point it seemed that we would have enjoyed trekking with Abraham from Ur to Canaan, or it would have been a rare experience to have lived when Moses led the children of Israel from their Egyptian sojourn. Certainly to have lived during the days when John the Baptist did his mighty work would have been a great experience. Perhaps living during the days of Paul, when the Christian message was first being carried over the world, would have been the grandest time of all. The days of Martin Luther would have provided an excellent opportunity to show our colors for Christ. Or perhaps the best would have been the days when Wesley and his companions covered England with the gospel of holiness.

We did not live in those days, however. You and I have been born into this day. If God had wanted us to live in a past age, then it would have been so. He has, without doubt, placed you and me in this time because there is a work we can do now that we could never have done before. We were not needed in a past time, but we are desperately needed today. This is our day. This is our time. Evil as they are, you and I are born for a purpose in these times. God needs us now.

Perhaps it is with us as it was with Esther when Mordecai said to her,

For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? (Esther 4:14).

God has met each crisis and the peril of each day with men of that day. If the day of Abraham were better than this day, it is only because Abraham lived in it. There was nothing about his day to commend it to us except the fact that he did live in it. It was a deplorably evil day, but God met the crisis of it by using His servant, Abraham, to make it better.

The same is true of Moses's day. It was a day of trouble and travail, sorrow and sadness. If there were any good about it, it was only because Moses lived in it and dared to do something about it. The labors of John the Baptist and the perils of Paul are well-known; only because God used them in their time are those days pleasant records today. The ecclesiastical evils of the sixteenth century were desperate and complete, yet Martin Luther and others like him lived and gave hope to the world.

The social evils of the eighteenth century defeated most of the people of that day, but it was with the Wesleys as it is with all great men. They refused to succumb to the evil situation. They refused to be pressed into a mold of their times. Instead, they came to grips with the times and changed them for the glory of God.

Real men are not too greatly influenced by current conditions; but they, instead, exert an influence on their times.

THIS IS OUR day. It is a threatening, brooding, explosive, violent age. No other persons have ever lived in times like these. As long ago as 1932, Dr. Oswald Spengler, famed for his monumental study on the *Decline of the West*, wrote:

We are born into this time and must bravely follow the path to the destined end. There is no other way. Our duty is to hold on to the lost position, without hope, without rescue,

like that Roman soldier, whose bones were found in front of a door in Pompeii, who, during the eruption of Vesuvius, died at his post because they forgot to relieve him. That is greatness. That is what it means to be thoroughbred. The honorable end is the one thing that can not be taken from a man.

What a morbid picture Spengler painted. It was his belief that the world was facing no mere crisis, but the beginning of a catastrophe, the beginning of the end of our civilization. It is as if we are in the hands of some immense and demonic force which is constraining us to do things that make for disaster. According to this great German thinker, modern man is mysteriously destined to produce a creature that will one day rise up against its creator and destroy him.

You will notice that this grim picture was foreseen more than a decade before the first atomic bomb was exploded over Hiroshima. Now that we are in a day of nuclear power, a day of satellites and space exploration, a day when our next war is already named World War III, we can not deny that these are perilous times.

What we must remember is this: the crisis of today must be met by men of today. Who knows but what God has brought us into the kingdom for just such a time as this.

Notice these three things about our times that give them special peril:

First, there is a wane in religious convictions. Things are winked at today that would have shocked a previous generation. A person is made popular in our society because of his misdemeanors or his immorality. There has never been such a time as this, when there exists side by side a religious revival, moral reprobation, and a steadily rising crime rate. The fact that this is a day of revival has not reduced our juvenile delinquency, our moral degeneracy or our threat of war. We live in a day when the moral and spiritual fiber of the masses has become soft and spongy.

Second, we face opposition from within. Apostate churches abound on every side. It is fashionable and sophisticated in many church circles to deny the basic spiritual truths upon which all former civilizations have stood. There are corroding influences within the church that would make it into a tool of society rather than an instrument of God. There are other elements that would change the church into a political or business organization. Still others would profane it in some other way to drag it beneath the purpose of its existence.

Third, we face constant opposition from without. This opposition takes various forms in various areas. First, there was Fascism, then Nazism, and now Communism. The communist situation is enough to make one's heart faint. I believe it was Voltaire who said, "The greatest force on the earth is an idea when its

time has come." There is much truth in that. A ripe idea cannot be denied or withstood. The leaders in the Kremlin are of the firm opinion that the time of the Communist idea has come. They are convinced that the idea of Christianity is dead and must be replaced by something more vital.

It remains to be seen whether the church retains the vitality to accomplish its work. Many leaders of our day paint a bleak picture. Spengler has many followers in his foreboding outlook. Great thinkers such as Sorokin and Toynbee, like Gibbon and Wells before them, see little but darkness ahead.

Bleak as it is, this is our day. We were born for a purpose in these times. It is my firm conviction that God would not have put me here at this time if there were not something that I can do. We must not be compressed into the mold of our times, but we must, in some way, help to remake those times. There are definitely some things we can do.

First, keep courage. Don't become fainthearted and fatalistic. We have the example of other ages and other men before us. God never failed one of them. Somehow He always used the men of each age to meet crisis of it. Even if some of them had to lay down their lives, the work of God was still done. Depressive days call for stout hearts, so let us look up and keep courage in Him whom we serve.

Second, keep faith. We must not allow ourselves to be deceived by Satan's smoke screens. We must not follow fantasies, but we must keep true values in sight. All hope is not gone. God is still God. He is neither dead, feeble nor indifferent to us. He is not upset by the times, for He has met other difficult situations before. All God needs is men through whom He can do His work.

Third, keep emphasizing positive and major themes. This is no time to occupy ourselves with secondary and inferior matters. We need to keep God, truth, decency, church, home and family constantly in our minds. We should recognize the important things, and emphasize them with all our might.

Finally, and most important, *we must keep the will to be used.* God needs us today, but we must be willing to be used before we can be any benefit to Him. By prayer and consecration, by understanding and submission, we must give ourselves without reserve into His service. We must *want* to be used with such fervor and offer ourselves to Him so freely that God can indeed use us even in times like these.

Today is ours. We must accept it. We cannot escape it. We are all that God has to meet this crisis. He has had enough faith in us to let us live in times like these. We must not fail Him.

Charles W. Cunn

Church Appreciation

By David L. Lemons

PART I

*A noted teacher speaks
on a vital issue
of the Christian life*

IN THIS MESSAGE we do not propose to tax our minds in technical study but we propose a "time out" of relaxing in meditation of love and appreciation for the Church. The word "glory," as employed in the above Scriptures, has to do with splendor, beauty, symmetry, and right relations. This is the glory that Christ has given to the Church. We do nothing amiss when we appreciate, glory in, and love the Church. Christ loved the Church to the extent that He gave Himself for it. It is right, then, that we love the Church.

Do you love the Church? Here are some of the reasons why I love the Church.

I love the Church for its sermons. There are sermons of discipline, instruction, comfort, direction, and edification. They alert me concerning the horrors of hell, and point the pilgrim's pathway that leads by Gethsemane and calvary to heaven. The anointed sermon paints for me a picture of the suffering Saviour as no artist's painting can do. Under the spell of the preaching, a miracle transforms my tears into telescopes that focus beyond the hardships and trials of this world into the glory of the beyond, until the soul cries out in fervent song, "And the trials of this

world will seem nothing when I get to the end of the way."

I love the Church for its songs. Music is the language of the soul. I love the special numbers, modern arrangements, new choral numbers, and the old songs. Oh, how my soul revels in WORSHIP when the entire congregations sings, "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me." Sometimes just a phrase of song that I heard in church on Sunday stays with me all week. The constant melody of a song like, "Precious Name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven," is a weapon of power for victorious living.

I love the Church for its prayers. When all the congregation cries out to God in unison, it allays my feeling of self-consciousness so that I, too, may freely call upon God. Both the invocation and benediction condition my attitude toward reverence of God's great purposes. Especially do I love to be present when someone is anointed to pray—when it seems that it is easier for them to pray than not to pray. As words of unction flow, my face is bathed with tears while my soul is bathed in grace, and I say to the listening Father, "Amen. That is what I wanted to say. Amen."

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power the worketh in us, Unto him be GLORY IN THE CHURCH by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen," Ephesians 3:20, 21.

"And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one," John 17:22.

TEXT:

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it," Ephesians 5:25.

I love the Church for its weddings. It is a thrill to me to see the beautiful blushing bride, as she comes tripping down the aisle in a long, white, flowing gown. And I love to observe that scared young man as he waits at the altar. One feels that paradise is regained as heaven swings low to witness the covenant by which the family of God is perpetuated on earth.

I love the Church for its funerals. No other institution on earth has the message of hope at the time of bereavement. Although many times it was my responsibility to bring the message of comfort and hope, it was never the same as when I was in the pew. The foundation had crumbled beneath my feet; the pattern of life had gone to pieces, and the anchor of the soul, as far as I could tell, had long since lost its contact with the other world. Then I heard the voice of the minister, the agent of the Church, as he quoted the words of the Master, "I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live again." By the power of the Master's words, as brought to me by the Church, I felt the foundation again beneath my feet; the pattern of life began to come together again. In my soul, I wit-

nessed the tug of the anchor that reaches within the veil. For this I shall ever love the Church.

I love the Church for its fellowship. Sometimes in the great cities, when passing a barroom, I hear the empty laughter that rings out in insincerity, and I say, "Oh, thank God, I am glad that I have my society among those who have chosen to follow the way of Jesus, and who love to assemble in the church to worship and give testimony of God's wondrous grace; to be greeted as 'Brother,' and have a handshake of fellowship in the name of Christ Jesus, is fraternity beyond that which the world can offer."

I love the Church for its ministry. They have consecrated their lives to service. The enthusiastic young, the seasoned middle-aged, and the experienced patriarch give their labor of love in deeds of kindness and words that are "like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

Despite the fact that there is so much for which to love the Church, still the Church has its enemies who find pleasure in condemning, rather than praising the Church. Often they say, "I will tell you what is wrong with the Church." Have you ever heard this? It is a sad thing that some who have eaten the Bread of the Church have joined the chorus of Christ's enemies and now they sing the song, "What's wrong with the Church..." Some of these faultfinders say that they should expose evil. Most of these really mean to say that they are on the advertising crew for the devil, and are working overtime, much to the pleasure of their employer. Some are critical of the preacher and officers of the Church and Sunday School, and they complain about the sermon, and find fault with their neighbors; then they wonder why their children have not chosen to follow Christ, and join the Church. I ask you, does a car salesman sell by telling what is wrong with a car? Does the realtor point out the good or the bad? We are salesmen of the highest order. If we want others to accept Christ and His Church, we must talk about what is right with the Church.

(To be continued)



Dawn

By R. Evan Headley

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not,"
—John 1:4, 5.

MAY 29, 1959. We gaze at the ship—Farrell Lines' *African Grove*, at the pier at the end of 33rd Street, Brooklyn. This is a day of mixed emotions, for this is the day of departure—launching out into the deep and into the evening darkness. The vessel's name was indicative, for our destination was Africa, the "dark continent" inhabited with dark people with benighted souls; and our assignment was in Nigeria, the most populous country on that vast continent.

We received confirmation of the appointment from the Missions Board several months in advance and had looked futuristically toward that far-distant field of labor. Now, as we stood on the wharf gazing up at the immense ship that was to carry us, Africa seemed less distant for we knew that the water which lapped at our feet was at the same time bathing the shores of sleeping Africa—a sort of liquid tie.

We were instructed to board the ship at five o'clock that afternoon. A voyage about to begin, a dream about to come true, a vision about to become reality in two young lives. Although the *Grove* would not embark before seven that evening, there was much scurrying around, consequently much noise, because the inevitable, unavoidable, ever-rising exhaust fumes and smoke of the New York traf-

fic were hastening the dusk. The towering skyscrapers would suddenly blacken the dim, setting sun, making dark fingers reach rapidly eastward and almost instantly clutching the earth with darkness.

Some of the family had accompanied us as far as our assigned cabin on the *Grove*. Fully aware of the limitations fixed by time and circumstances, we hurriedly captured a few farewell snapshots, entered the cabin where we met in united prayer and felt the immediate presence of our invisible Guide. Then we weakly choked a few parting words, waved goodbys as we smiled reciprocally from ship to shore through tears—paradoxically dimming tears of sadness and sparkling tears of joy.

The multifarious lights of the metropolis now danced before our eyes to remind us that night life had begun. Although multitudinous, man's artificial lights could not totally dispel the physical darkness which was only a shadowy symbol of the spiritual darkness. The abundance of man-made lights caused me to wonder if our homeland might be swarming with self-styled religions.

The *Grove* loosed her moorings, lifted anchor and pushed away from the shore; the playful little lights along the shore gradually withdrew from us, until they ultimately vanished in the night dis-

Over the Dark Continent

Our missionaries to Nigeria

recall with tenderness their journey

to the field of their calling

tance. Now "darkness was upon the face of the deep."

Naturally, as we ventured out on a new assignment to a land of renowned spiritual darkness, the thick blackness of the night exercised all its mysterious powers upon us. Just how dense was that spiritual darkness? Due to the inadequacy of the man-made flickers we observed earlier, we became fully cognizant that no human effort could dispense with the spiritual darkness which confronted us, regardless of its intensity. Our mission was to bear witness of the true Light—Jesus Christ, Saviour of all mankind.

For little more than three weeks we eagerly, but prayerfully, anticipated arrival at our destination. After about eight days of "water, water everywhere" and not a sight of land, we settled into our cabin for a final night of trans-Atlantic sailing. Before long, however, I became restless. Perhaps it was the thought of seeing good old terra firma again (the captain called it land fever). It could have been a curiosity for the life of the dark-skinned inhabitants we would soon find surrounding us. It might have been a pressing sense of the eminent responsibilities that were ours. Whatever the cause, the feeling was again intensified by the physical darkness.

JUNE 10. WE were out on the damp deck early, enveloped in the thick nocturnal blanket, oc-

asionally sprayed with a gentle, fine, briny mist. Inky sea beneath and starless sky above, I peered in the direction that I imagined land to be—staring into "awe-full nothingness." Feeling helpless but hopeful, I stood waiting for that first glimpse of Africa. The experience which came was most illustrative of the *power of light over darkness*—both physical and spiritual.

As the watery horizon became a thin translucent line announcing the dawning and the appearance of the light of day, a quick flash of light suddenly sliced in fan-light motion across the sky from a not-too-distant but still unseen source, warning us that land was near. Soon I saw a small flicker dart across the changing horizon, now unevenly rising here and falling there, very black between the presently grayish sky and silvery wa-

ter. A silhouette of land! The dark continent!

There was sign of life, but the small flicker was only earthly and momentary. There were more flickers of man-made lights, some lingering longer than others. They seemed to increase rapidly, unable to drive away the night, nevertheless indicating that Africa was awaking.

This experience was quite a contrast to the former effect of the astronomical glittering lights which winked goodbye to us at New York—closing of day in America. This was the beginning of day in Africa—dawn over the dark continent—where natural resources have not yet been fully developed to yield a comparable abundance of artificial light. There is, however, an overwhelming, increasing abundance of false spirituality, that of a blind man's attempt to probe the darkness and professing to see, yet continuing to grope in darkness.

The light of day was appearing, though. The brightness was increasing, bedimmed all artificial lights. The black night was gradually retreating and soon the physical darkness lifted from the face of the continent as though a veil were removed to reveal abundant physical life as we draw near the shore.

We had approached the continent while it was shrouded in darkness, had seen the dawning,

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Spreading the Flame

OF EVANGELISM



Lincoln, Alabama

On October 4, 1959, a new church was organized with eight members. The Reverend J. R. Woodard is the minister responsible for the new church.

*Charlotte, Camp Green,
North Carolina*

On December 10, 1959, the church at Charlotte on Camp Green Avenue was organized with twelve members. Presently, the membership is twenty-seven. The Sunday School is averaging 60 to 65, and the tithes are well above the 100 mark. The Reverend Bill Sheeks is the pastor.



*Community Chapel,
North Carolina*

The Reverend H. T. Durden is largely responsible for bringing into the Church of God a small church located two miles out of Coats, North Carolina. The church is known as Community Chapel.

The small group of seven members affiliated with the Church of God on January 31, 1960.

Rowland, North Carolina

The Reverend Millard Maynard organized the Rowland Church on November 29, 1959, with fourteen members. This was an independent work; they had their own church building, and voted to deed the property on our deed form and cast their lot with us 100 per cent.

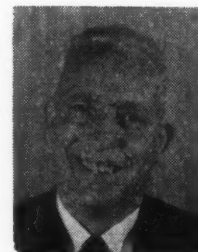


Lancaster, California

A new Church of God was organized in Lancaster, California, on February 10, 1960, with ten members. The Reverend William F. Wade organized the church and is pastoring it.

Henderson, Nevada

A new church was organized November 29, 1959, in Henderson, Nevada, with nine members. The Reverend Charles W. Connely dug out this new work and is pastoring there.

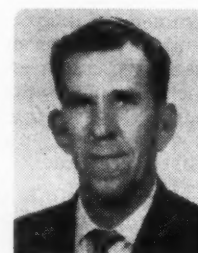


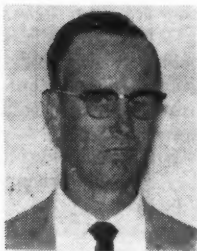
Wichita Falls, Texas

The Reverend C. W. Collins organized the new Church of God in Wichita Falls, Texas, on March 1, 1960, with fourteen members. The Reverends J. S. Sumner and W. O. Watwood were instrumental in digging out this new work.

Aurora, Illinois

A new church was organized July 22, 1959, in Aurora, Illinois, with ten members. At the present time they have fifteen members. They are averaging 54 in Sunday School and 29 in Y.P.E. The Reverend D. F. Hart dug out this work.





Andalusia, Alabama

On August 8, 1959, a new church was set in order with eight members at Andalusia, Alabama. The Reverend Earl Bass is responsible for this new church.

Pitts Community, North Carolina

The Reverend Joseph E. Hayes dug out the work at Pitts Community, North Carolina. A new church was organized there on September 13, 1959, with ten members. The church now has fifteen members and is doing quite well.

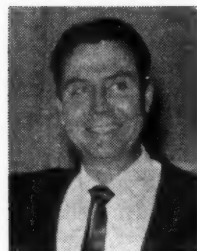


Charlotte, Southside, North Carolina

On October 31, 1959, a new church was organized in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Reverend Marion R. Anderson was instrumental in helping get the work started and organizing the work. Twelve members organized the church.

Meadow Grove, Nebraska

The State Overseer of Nebraska is given credit for digging out the new work at Meadow Grove, Nebraska, which was set in order January 24, 1960, with six members.



Owings Mills, Maryland

The church of Owings Mills was organized with fourteen members and is making splendid progress. The Reverend Floyd Morton, pastor, is doing a wonderful job there. The date of organization was November 22, 1959.

Auburn, Virginia

The Reverend E. L. Cox is given credit for the new church at Auburn, Virginia, which was set in order on October 11, 1959, with twenty members.



Midway, Alabama

The Reverend J. L. Hillman is responsible for the Midway Church of God being organized. The new work was set in order October 29, 1959, with twelve members.

Vanceboro, North Carolina

On May 31, 1959, the Vanceboro Church was organized with sixteen members by the Reverend J. H. Daniels, district overseer of the Greenville district at that time. The Reverend A. E. Wingate had pastored this mission for several months, and is still carrying on as pastor since the organization of this new work.



Union Chapel, New York

The church at Union Chapel, New York, was set in order by the State Overseer, Reverend C. E. Yates on September 27, 1959, with seven members. The work was dug out by the Reverend Ellsworth Moore. The building was turned over to them free of charge and they don't even have to pay a light bill.



DAWN OVER THE DARK CONTINENT

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with all the significance of its physical effects. The sun had appeared and all Africa's teeming millions were arousing. And the Son was appearing to Africans who were coming to the more abundant life.

Africa has been called the dark continent because of the once-challenging mysteries of her vast unknown hinterland, now fairly well explored; because of her ubiquitous black inhabitants; and because of the rampant heathenism, the persistent darkness with which the Christians are most concerned.

This latter darkness is much greater in some remote corners of the continent, but I believe Africa is experiencing a spiritual dawning. During the past century many missionaries have obeyed the great commission and have accepted the challenge to carry the Light to

those who are in darkness. Here you are referred to *Where the Saints Have Trod*, Charles W. Conn's recent history of Church of God missions, to see the part our Church is taking in bringing the dawning Light to the "dark land of desire" and "uncertain sound."

The black shrouds of long-lived, deep-rooted paganism, animism, and teaming other *isms*, including spiritualism, are so closely akin to the native's ebony-colored skin that the present is still merely the spiritual dawning.

Some souls have responded to the Light and flickered, others lingered longer, but these are an almost insignificant few. As the message of the cross is lifted higher, Christ becomes more visible, the Son glows brighter, the flickers of human endeavor are bedimmed and, consequently, absorbed in His brightness—the true Light, or else they retreat with the darkness to ever-increasing and eternal night.

Light has power over darkness to dispel it, as I witnessed on our nocturnal approach to and first sight of dawn over the continent. How much more sobering this truth is in the spiritual sense! We are indeed privileged to experience and to participate in this spiritual dawning here in Nigeria where the dark night is still too near us.

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The Reverend Millard Maynard organized the Rowland Church on November 29, 1959, with fourteen members. This was an independent work; they had their own church building, and voted to deed the property on our deed form and cast their lot with us 100 per cent.



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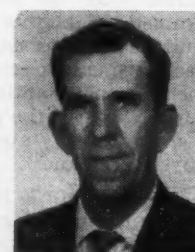


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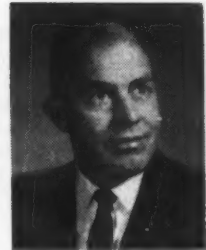


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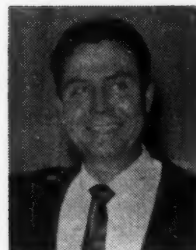


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Auburn, Virginia

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Midway, Alabama

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Vanceboro, North Carolina

On May 31, 1959, the Vanceboro Church was organized with sixteen members by the Reverend J. H. Daniels, district overseer of the Greenville district at that time. The Reverend A. E. Wingate had pastored this mission for several months, and is still carrying on as pastor since the organization of this new work.



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The church at Union Chapel, New York, was set in order by the State Overseer, Reverend C. E. Yates on September 27, 1959, with seven members. The work was dug out by the Reverend Ellsworth Moore. The building was turned over to them free of charge and they don't even have to pay a light bill.



DAWN OVER THE DARK CONTINENT

(Continued from page 7)

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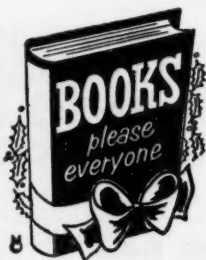
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from the field

✓1960 Iowa Youth Camp Is Highly Successful

The cover picture of the *Evangelist* shows the entire assembly of 99 young people, workers and counselors who attended the fourth state youth camp conducted by the Churches of God in Iowa. We wish to pay special tribute to our beloved state overseer and youth director, Rev. and Mrs. Grady L. Waters, who initiated, planned and executed this very successful project.

It was a real joy to see boys, girls and young people from across the state come together again on July 18 for 5 great days of fellowship and worship at the Hickory Grove Campground near Ottumwa, Iowa. It was also a great pleasure to have Brother and Sister Gale Barnett and some of the young people from Nebraska with us in our camp. Brother Barnett is the pastor of the East Omaha Church of God.

The 1960 youth camp will be

remembered by our young people as the greatest camp in the history of Iowa.

Beginning with the very first service a wave of glory hovered over us. The spirit of conviction caused many juniors, teen-agers and young people to go forward and accept Christ as their personal Saviour. As a result of God's divine presence and the workers' deep consecration, numerous souls were mightily blessed by God.

Rev. Rich Ussery, of Kansas City, Kansas, was our youth camp speaker. There were 35 saved, 14 sanctified, 12 filled with the Holy Ghost, 44 baptized in water and 22 added to the church. We praise God for these lasting results, and for the vision which was gained by the ministers and laity in the State of Iowa.

Let us all continue to work in the interest of our youth, and look forward to next year's camp as being greater than ever. *Our youth deserve the very best.*—J. M. Baird, reporter

blessed us to have a nice building with an auditorium 32' x 40' and with 4 Sunday School rooms. The church is completely free of debt.

Rev. C. E. Sego began the work, and we praise God for such a wonderful man of God. He is never too tired to come when called upon.

God has blessed every effort for which we are giving Him all the glory.
—Reporter

✓God Continues to Bless

BALDWIN, Ga.—I am sending our latest report on the Church of God in Baldwin. God is still blessing us in a great measure. On our home-coming day in June, we broke all attendance records of our church.

We have made many improvements on our property. Before building our new church, we improved our old one. We painted the roof, installed new pews, remodeled the inside, and painted the floor. We made several Sunday School rooms in the basement.

Since our membership has almost doubled in the past two years, we had to build a new church. We moved into the new building on August 14. It is a beautiful block church with 7 Sunday School rooms. The estimated value of the church and the property is \$15,000.

We are looking forward to greater things in the next 2 years. We appreciate Bro. and Sis. Bennett's hard work and prayers at Baldwin during the time they have been pastoring here. Remember our church in your prayers.

—Drucilla Barrett, reporter

✓ Church Dedicated



TWIN CITY, Ga.—The Twin City Church of God held a two-way observance on Sunday, June 26, 1960. We had a home-coming and the dedication of our new church building. Rev. M. C. Radford of Metter, Ga., brought the morn-

ing message, with God blessing everyone. Rev. P. H. Hammond of Savannah, Georgia, was with us for the dedicational service in the afternoon.

The work here began with only a few in prayer meeting. God has

✓Cahokia Moves Forward

We are glad to report that Cahokia is still shouting the victory. Songs of praise and rejoicing fills our church at each service. Our hearts are challenged each time our pastor, Brother C. M. Newton, steps into the pulpit. He preaches soul-stirring messages under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, who is present at each of our services. All who attend agree with me that God certainly uses Brother Newton as an instrument of His glory to exalt His purpose and to achieve His will. Our lives are blessed and greatly enriched by his ministry.

Our church now has the sewers and restrooms completed. We just recently purchased a new piano and held a "note-burning" ceremony on our furnace. Our next project is to build a concrete porch and steps on the front of the church and to remodel our kitchen. An air conditioner was installed during the summer. The L.W.W.B. had a rummage sale and a very

successful chicken supper last month.

All of this makes us appreciate more the scripture: "... all things work together for good to them that love God."

—Thelma McCluskey, reporter

✓ Southwest Oklahoma City Home-coming

Homecoming Day, June 19, was an extra-special day for all of us here in Oklahoma City, but more especially so for our special guest of honor, the Rev. Andrew C. Vance, pastor of the Church of God in Kansas City. On that day his fourth son, Donald, was ordained, and his youngest son, Sam, received his exhorter's license to start his ministry. Brother Vance has given six sons to the Church of God ministry.

When Brother W. J. Millwood, our pastor, came to this state, he was astonished at the record of the Vance family. He could see the results of their ministry in so many places, that he felt that some recognition should be made of their service.

The Vance boys were encouraged early toward the ministry. "I remember something Dad said when I was a little boy, about 8 years old," said Donald, "and a lot of ple laughed about it. But he said that he'd rather we grew up to be Church of God ministers than the President of the United States."

And Brother Vance got his wish. Eldest son George has served as Youth Director of Oklahoma and is now pastoring Ada, Oklahoma, and serving as district pastor of the Ada district. Leroy is serving as Youth Director of Kansas. Donald is pastoring Northeast Oklahoma City, and was ordained at the home-coming service. William is

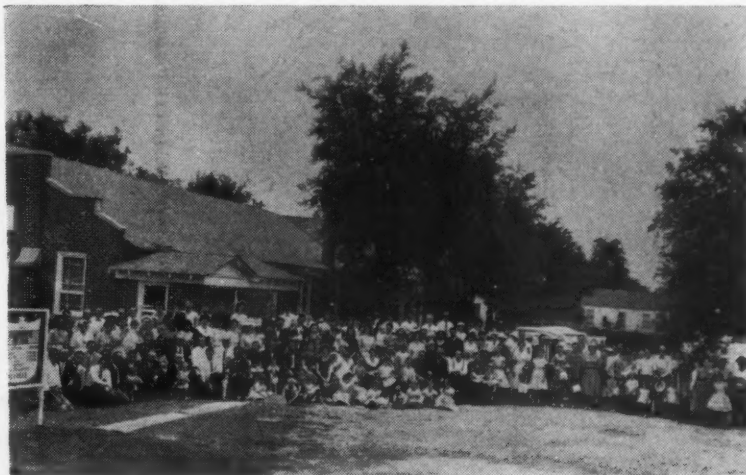
pastoring Hugo, Oklahoma, and Charles is pastoring Anadarko, Oklahoma. Sam has just received his call to the ministry and was given his exhorter's license at the home-coming.

Brother Vance's pastorates include two stays each in Binger, Chickasha and Anadarko; and pastorates in Tulsa, Norman, Seminole, Maud, Idabel and help with rural church work near Waggoner before he moved to Independence, Kansas. He served in Oklahoma as state youth director and was succeeded by son George, who is still a member of the state youth board.

Tangible recognition of the Vance family came in the form of a plaque presented by Brother Millwood, following the afternoon ceremonies for his sons.

The morning speaker for our home-coming services was Rev. E. C. Campbell, pastor of our church for 7 years and who is now serving in Covington, Kentucky.

The speaker for the evening service was Rev. Charles Tilley, Overseer of Kansas. Other state officials present were Rev. G. W. Hodges, Overseer of Oklahoma, and Rev. James Madison, Youth Director of Oklahoma.



Southwest Oklahoma City Home-coming, June 19, 1960



Ordination of Donald Vance, pastor of the N. E. Oklahoma City Church of God.



Presentation of Plaque: (L. to R.) George Vance, pastor, Ada, Okla.; Sam Vance, just beginning his ministry; William Vance, pastor, Hugo, Okla.; A. C. Vance and wife, pastor, Kansas City, Kansas; LeRoy Vance, Youth Director of Kansas; Donald Vance, pastor, N. E. Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Charles Vance, pastor, Anadarko, Okla.

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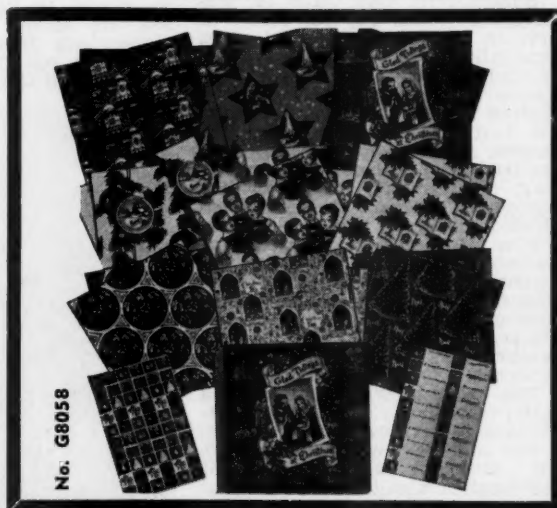
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